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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
2. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17;
3. Reply to Requirement for Election of Species;
4. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
5. List of cited references on Form PTO-1449 (6 sheets);
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7. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form; and
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